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In re Application of

GUGLIELMO BIAGIOTTI

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METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING AN EMBOSSED WEB MATERIAL AND PRODUCT MADE IN THIS WAY

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Alexandria, Virginia
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

R E S P O N S E

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed February 25, 2002 applicant elects to prosecute in the present application the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-20, drawn to a method. However, applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected subject matter of Group II, i.e., claims 21-35, drawn to an embossed laminar product; and the claims of Group III, i.e., claims 36-49, drawn to a device, under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §121.

Respectfully submitted,

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